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11. (U) The Bhutanese Embassy in New Delhi sent post an original letter from Minister of Foreign Affairs Ugyen Tshering to the Secretary congratulating her on her confirmation. We will send the signed original via pouch and fax a copy to SCA/INS.

12. (U) The text of the letter follows:

Begin text:

20 January, 2009.

Your Excellency,

Please accept my warmest felicitations on your appointment as the Secretary of State of the United States of America.

Your Excellency's appointment to this important post clearly reflects the trust and confidence that the people and government of your country have in your abilities to lead and direct U.S. foreign policy in these demanding times. I wish Your Excellency every success in meeting the great diversity of challenges that lie ahead.

Please accept my best wishes for your personal well-being and happiness.

//signed//

Ugyen Tshering Minister of Foreign Affairs

H.E. Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C.

End text. MULFORD